

Men from East Farndon Who Fought in World War 1

Noted on the War Memorial:

John (Jack) Belton	The family lived at 'Sunnyside', East Farndon. Jack enlisted in the London Scottish Regiment in 1916 and served at the Front Line near Armentieres later that year. He spent about 3 weeks in hospital in January 1917 with trench fever. He then returned to the Front Line further south. By March he was near Arras, where heavy fighting took place. On May 11 th he was involved in the attack on the German lines at Monchy. He was injured and sent back to hospital in England. He eventually returned to the continent in 1918 and remained as part of the Occupation Army after the armistice. A bullet hit him in the cheek and came out through his mouth! He suffered from the after-effects of gas attacks, and once home, never regained his full vigour. His diary (re-written later) follows his service up to early 1918.
C Bradley	His mum lived at 4 Harborough Road, East Farndon.
John George Broughton	Born in East Farndon in 1886 and known as Jack. On the 1911 census he was aged 25, single and working as a labourer for a rural district council. He served with the Coldstream Guards and was injured on 11 th September 1917. 
Herbert Leonard Broughton	Born in East Farndon in 1896 and known as Len. On the 1911 census he was aged 15 and working as a domestic gardener. He served with the Coldstream Guards as a private. Awarded a British War medal and Victory medal. Army number 17194. 
J Burnham	On the 1901 census the Burnham family lived on Harborough Road, East Farndon: George (48), Elizabeth (51) and children Thomas (20) and Edwin (16). On the 1911 census George, Elizabeth and Edwin (25) were still living in the village. There could be a connection.
J Ernest Burton	Born in 1894. On the 1911 census he was 17 and an apprentice cycle and motor worker.

John Clifford



Born in 1899. On the 1911 census he was aged 12 and at school. He is later recorded in the training reserve of the 6th Lincolnshire Regiment (Reg no 973). He enlisted in 1917, aged 17. He was awarded two medals and a 'wounded stripe', which is understood to be from his stay in hospital during his time in France – he was wounded in Vermelles in 1918. He became a Lay Reader in 1946, and he was granted the title of Reader Emeritus of the Diocese in 1981. He was also a special constable during the Second World War. There is a memorial plaque to John on a bench in the graveyard of St John the Baptist, East Farndon. The photograph below is from around 1910 and shows John on the far right.



William Elliott

Born in Dingley in 1872. On the 1911 census he was married and working as a sawyer. He enlisted in the Royal Army Medical Corps in Northampton on 19th June 1918, aged 46. He was then a gardener, living in East Farndon. Army number 153759.

J W Gordon

Francis
Humphrey

He was born in 1886. His father was David Humphrey and his mother Patience Broughton. On the 1901 census he was 15 and working as a coach painter's apprentice.

Horace Humphrey	He was born in 1887. His father was David Humphrey and his mother Patience Broughton. On the 1901 census he was 14 and working as a machine minder in a corset factory (R&WH Symington)
William P Jarman	<p>Born in North Kilworth in 1874. William (Bill) was illiterate and deaf. He lived in a cottage with his brother George, who was blind.</p>  <p>This photo was taken no later than 1911. The lady is Mrs Jarman, mother of William and George. The cottage stood between Back Lane and Main Street, more or less opposite Grey Walls. Bill and George apparently lived there until they died. The cottage was subsequently demolished, probably on the grounds that it was not up to standard. There's no trace of it now.</p>
Herbert Morris Lonsdale	Born in Gosforth, Northumberland on 8 th February 1879. He married Ethel Hallewell in 1909, but sadly she died in 1914. Herbert and their son Douglas Herbert Scott Lansdale (born 1911), moved into Ivy House, East Farndon in 1917. Herbert served as a private with the Army Service Corps and was granted a temporary commission as a 2 nd Lieutenant with the RAF 52 Squadron in 1918 (see copy of document below). After the war, he worked as a chartered automobile engineer, setting up the Harborough Motor Company. He married his second wife, Phyllis Rennie Robinson in Market Harborough in 1925. The family was living at 82 Northampton Road in 1928. Herbert died at The Grove, 66 Northampton Road, Market Harborough on 27 th September 1941. See separate article on the website entitled The History of Ivy House, East Farndon for more information about Herbert Lonsdale and his family.

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 AIR MINISTRY,
 Strand, W.C., 2.
 5th July, 1918.

The Commanding Officers' School of Instruction,
 Farnley-on-Thames.

I am directed to inform you that the undermentioned warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the School under your command have been selected for appointment as Temporary 2nd Lieutenants in the Royal Air Force with effect from the 3rd July, 1918, a notification of which will appear in due course in the London Gazette.

2. They will be required to provide themselves with the necessary outfit; a list of the necessary articles is enclosed, and they will be credited with an outfit allowance of £42.10.0. (or £50 if Camp Kit is not provided in kind free).

3. Pending the announcement of their appointments in the London Gazette, they may draw their pay from Messrs. Holt & Co., on the production of this letter, provided their joining certificates have been forwarded to them.

4. I am to request that you will carry out their discharges with effect from the 2nd July, 1918.

No. 19296	Sgt.	Brunwell J.T.	Royal Air Force
No. 5976	P/Sgt.	Capel G.	-do-
No. 4565	Opl.	Holmes J.T.	-do-
No. 30827	Opl.	Leight P.G.	-do-
No. 79086	2/M.	Richard J.S.	-do-
No. 81999	1/M.	Ogden R.D.	-do-
No. 19012	A/Sgt.	Richards R.P.G.	-do-
No. 75829	3/M.	Smith H.B.	-do-
No. 18529	P/Sgt.	Seward J.C.	-do-
No. 15703	Sgt.	Washbourne G.	-do-
No. 16992	A/Opl.	Watt W.H.	-do-
No. 76567	Pte.	Gordon J.M.	2nd Artists Rifles
No. 5/04976	S/Sgt.	Gordon E.J.	Army Service Corps
No. 127115	Opl.	Hollway R.G.	Army Service Corps R.F.
No. 527462	S/Sgt.	Holt E.	R.A.A.C.
No. 2/30618	Pte.	Lonsdale H.M.	Army Service Corps
No. 500129	Pte.	Keller J.	R.A.A.C.
No. 52/21393	L/Opl.	Rocke G.G.A.	Army Service Corps
No. 1/70058	Pte.	Spens A.H.	Army Pay Corps
No. 24720	S/M.	Stephens W.M.H.	Royal Engineers
No. 15529	Sgt.	Warner J.H.	Royal Garrison Art.
No. 5757434	Pte.	Wheeler G.W.	Army Service Corps
No. 161271	Spr.	Wild, R.C.H.	Royal Engineers

(Signed) C.F. Apperjo

Captain,
 for Major,
 for Director of Air Personnel Services.

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W Looms

The family lived in a cottage at the top of the village, which may have become part of Ray Clifford's house. Mr Looms was a road sweeper.

J C Perry

Roger Pollard



Born in East Farndon in 1883. On the 1911 census he was 18 and a plasterer's labourer. Roger had a hook instead of one of his hands due to an injury sustained during the war. He was the village postman for many years. His

	older brother Fred was killed in France on 9 th April 1918. Buried in the graveyard of St John the Baptist, East Farndon.
William Pollard	He served in the Royal Garrison Artillery
Alfred G Reeves	Buried in the graveyard of St John the Baptist, East Farndon.
J Isaac Rogers	Born in 1895. On the 1911 census he was 16 and working as a grocer's apprentice. He served with the 4 th Northants Regiment.
Robert Rogers	
Ernest W Ross	Born in 1879. On the 1901 census he was single, 22 and working as a bricklayer's apprentice.
S R Smith	
Frederick William Tebbutt	<p>Born in Duston on 16th August 1891. On the 1901 census he was 10 and living in Harborough Road, East Farndon with his parents Walter (39, a plasterer) and Emily (37), alongside siblings Florence (16, a laundry maid), Walter (13, a plasterer), Charles J (7), Emily (4) and Rose (1). On the 1911 census he was 19 and a farm labourer. He enlisted in the Royal Field Artillery in 1916, aged 24. He served as a gunner in the British Mediterranean Expeditionary Force in Mesopotamia. Army number 131461. Fred's son Denis lived in The Lealand until 2017.</p> <p>This phot was taken around 1936 and is captioned "Laughton Hills". Fred is seated in the middle row, fourth from the left.</p> 
G J Tebbutt	Born in East Farndon on 29 th August 1893. His name was Charles James. On the 1901 census, he was 7 and living in Harborough Road, East Farndon with his parents Walter (39, a plasterer) and Emily (37), alongside siblings Florence (16, a laundry maid), Walter (13, a plasterer), Fred W (10), Emily (4) and Rose (1). On the 1911 census, he was 17 and a hosiery hand.
Walter G Tebbutt	Born in Old Duston on 4 th January 1888. On the 1901 census he was 13 and living in Harborough Road, East Farndon with his parents Walter (39, a plasterer) and Emily (37), alongside siblings Florence (16, a laundry maid), Fred W (10), Charles J (7), Emily (4) and Rose (1). In 1911 he was 23 and working as a plasterer.

John Henry
Warr

Born in Preston Bissett, Buckinghamshire in 1887. On the 1901 census he was a border at a school in St Giles, Northamptonshire. A report in the local paper of 29/9/1905 says that John Warr, son of the schoolmistress, has won 1st class honours in the Oxford Local Examinations. It says he was "second in all England in Physics". On the 1911 census he was a school master in Ashby de la Zouch. His father was John Warr and his mother was Sarah Ann Warr (nee Shockley). She was the school mistress in East Farndon, and on the 1911 census she was living in East Farndon aged 60 and a widow. She was still the school mistress and living with her son Richard, who was 22. John fought in France with the Army Service Corps. He died in Lewes, Sussex in 1961. The photograph from around 1910 shows his mother as school mistress. John Clifford is on the far right.



W E West

Lieutenant William (Billy) West. He was born in 1888 and on the 1911 census he was single, 23 and working for his father's corn merchant's business in Market Harborough. He served as a Lieutenant with the Sherwood Rangers. He was the brother of Frank, the grandfather of Robert and Richard, who still live in the village. Buried in the graveyard of St John the Baptist, East Farndon.



John (Jack) Wintersgill	Born in Healey, North Yorkshire in 1885. He was a visitor to Newman Sharp in East Farndon on the 1911 census. They were both working as grooms. He married Maria Goode in 1911 and they and their children continued to live in the village. Jack and Maria are buried in East Farndon graveyard. The last member of the family in Farndon was his daughter Margaret, who died in 2018. Margaret Bowman (nee Wintersgill) lived at 3 The Lealand and died earlier this year in her nineties. The other children were Catherine, always known as Kit, who married Norman Marlow. They lived in a curious concoction of a house called 'The Whari'. When they moved out in the 1990s the house was demolished and the 3 new houses were built (behind the village hall car park). Their daughter Ann married Denis Tebbutt and for their final years they lived in a newly-built house, 18a The Lealand, next to Ann and Denis. Margaret and Kit had a brother John, usually called Jack, and they lived at 5, Harborough Road. His widow Doris continued to live there for some years after her husband's death.

The following are reported in the local newspaper of the time to have served, but do not appear on the War Memorial:

Robert Spence	He served in the Royal Field Artillery. He was gassed during the war and remained badly affected afterwards, however, he managed to work as a postman in Market Harborough. He lived in Nelson Street.
Henry Allport	He served in the Royal Field Artillery
Joe Davenport	He served in the Royal Field Artillery
W R Eades	He served in Durham University's OFC. Believed to be related to Mrs Eades, who lived at Beauchamp House, East Farndon
Leonard Croft	(Brother-in-law of James Andrews). Born in Clipston in 1892. Joined the Bantam Corps (for men who were under the minimum height of 5'3"). He was living with his sister and her husband in East Farndon and working as a groom. After the war he married Elsie and they moved to Syston, Leicester.
A C Tomlin	He served in the Royal Field Artillery

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